

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of ~~co-pending U.S. application serial no. 08/924,707, filed on August 29, 1997, U.S. Patent No. 6,442,688, issued on August 27, 2002,~~ having as Inventors Timothy E. Moses et al. entitled "Method and Apparatus for obtaining Status of Public Key Certificate Updates" and owned by instant Assignee.